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SUBJECT: JAPAN OPPOSED TO SYRIA IAEA BOG CANDIDACY

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Classified By: Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer, reasons 1.4 b and d

11. (C) EST Chief delivered points in ref to MOFA Special Assistant for Arms Control, Disarmament, and Nonproliferation Taijiro Kimura August 20. Kimura said Japan shared the United States' view that Syria was an unacceptable candidate for the IAEA BOG because of Syria's cooperation with North Korea. He said he agreed Afghanistan would be more suitable than Syria, but thought the GOJ would consider Kazakhstan an ideal candidate because of Japan's relationship with that country on nuclear fuel enrichment. He said he would share the United States' concern with the Japanese IAEA delegation in Vienna.  
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